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SUBJECT: MORRIS' CURRENT STATUS

REF. A. BRASILIA 7855 B. BRASILIA 7868

1. MORRIS HAS HAD LENGTHY, FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS. ON BOTH OCCASIONS HE REPEATED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE CONSULATE, EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT IN HIS BEHALF.

2. MORRIS SAID HE WOULD BE TESTIFYING DECEMBER 10 BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. IN THIS REGARD, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE EMBASSY OR CONSULATE CAN PROVIDE ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. HAVE ANY FORMAL CHARGES BEEN MADE AGAINST MORRIS OTHER THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE'S OCTOBER 9 PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL A)?

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B. WHAT IS MORRIS' PRESENT LEGAL STATUS IN BRAZIL?

HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE HAS BEEN EXPELLED FOREVER AND THAT, IF HE RETURNED, HE WOULD BE IMPRISONED FROM ONE TO FOUR YEARS AND EXPELLED AGAIN. IS THIS UNDERSTANDING CORRECT?

C. ACCORDING TO MORRIS, ON THE DAY OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM RECIFE HE WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO CASH A CHECK

AND, WHEN HE ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION, A BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE OFFICER SAID THAT A YEAR OR SO AGO THE USG DEPORTED A BRAZILIAN WITHOUT FUNDS, SO IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR AMERICANS TO SEE WHAT IT WAS LIKE. ARE ADDRESSEES AWARE TO WHAT THE POLICE OFFICER WAS REFERRING?

D. MORRIS UNDERSTANDS THAT COLONEL MEZIAT RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE US. IF THIS IS TRUE WHAT SORT OF TRAINING DID HE RECEIVE AND WHEN?

E. WITHOUT MAKING DIRECT INQUIRIES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, CAN CONSULATE PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING PRESENT WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF LUIZ SOARES WHO WAS DETAINED WITH MORRIS? KISSINGER

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